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In re patent application of:) Attorney Docket No.: F-118
Richard W. Heiden, et al.) Group Art Unit:
Serial No.:) Examiner:
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Title: POSTAGE PRINTING SYSTEM HAVING SUBSIDIZED PRINTING OF
THIRD PARTY MESSAGES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated , please amend the above identified
application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, please delete lines 4 - 14, and insert the following --This application is a
continuation of U.S. Patent Application Number 09/224,256, entitled POSTAGE
PRINTING SYSTEM HAVING SUBSIDIZED PRINTING OF THIRD PARTY
MESSAGES (Attorney Docket E-796).--

In the claims:

Please cancel Claims 2-23.

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